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## Village Panchayats

*Alleged notice to close the Muhammadan burial ground at Karkul.*

*739 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from the Muhammadan residents of Karkul Kasba village protesting against the action of the Karkul Village Panchayat in giving notice to close the Muhammadan burial ground, S. No. 93-B/13;

(b) whether they have called for a report in the matter from the President of the Karkul Village Panchayat;

(c) whether it is a fact that the burial ground has been in existence for more than 300 years, and the few houses that are in the vicinity of the burial ground, came into existence long afterwards;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are generally only one or two cases of burial in the burial ground in question in the course of 2 or 3 years, the number of house owners privileged to bury their dead there, being very few; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to state what action they have taken in the matter so as to avoid much civil and criminal litigation?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The petition referred to in clause (a) was transferred to the Registrar-General of Panchayats for necessary action.

## Co-operative Societies

*Liquidation of Vellore Trade Union.*

*740 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vellore Trading Union has recently been recommended for liquidation;

(b) whether it is a fact that by the liquidation of this society Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar would lose his seat on the local Co-operative Union and consequently also on the Vellore District Bank as well as the Vellore District Council of Supervision;

(c) whether it is a fact that the late Deputy Registrar, Vellore, wanted to organize a "G. Ward" Co-operative Society while there has been another credit society catering for the people of this G Ward;

(d) whether the organization of the G. Ward Society was solely with a view to enable Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar to retain his seats on the Co-operative Union, the District Bank and the District Council;

(e) whether it is a fact that the late Deputy Registrar, failing to succeed in organizing the G. Ward Society, desired to organize a society at Sembakkam with special provision to admit residents of Kosapet (Vellore municipality) as members and whether this move was also with the special object of providing for Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar;

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(*f*) whether it is a fact that the late Deputy Registrar, not succeeding in this attempt, organized a loan and sale society at Vellore, started it on work on 13th July last, after receiving orders for his transfer, and whether he gave membership to Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar in this hastily organized and urgently started loan and sale society;

(*g*) whether the late Deputy Registrar has thereby started another non-credit society at a place where it had failed miserably and under the very person under whom it failed and had to be liquidated only just then; and

(*h*) whether it is a fact that with the knowledge of the late Deputy Registrar a person who has been recently proceeded against by himself for misappropriation has been elected to the directorship of this hastily started loan and sale society?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Presumably Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar would lose his seat on the local Co-operative Union and on the District Council of Supervision and also on the Board of Management of the District Bank.

(*c*) *to* (*h*) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I ask the hon. the Development Minister how it is that in spite of the lapse of two months on a simple matter like this, the Government have no information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Most of these questions relate to what was probably in the minds of certain people."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Apart from what was in the minds of anybody, Sir, may I ask the hon. the Minister why the Deputy Registrar took these various steps mentioned in clauses (*c*) to (*h*), and how can such a calculated plan escape the knowledge of Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"In the cause of his duty, I believe."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"But has he ascertained, Sir, whether all those devious steps were taken by the Deputy Registrar with a view to somehow see that Mr. Murugesa Mudaliyar did not lose his seat on the Board of Management of the District Bank?"

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"I am not aware of that. Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"May I know, Sir, whether to the local Co-operative Union and to the Board of Management of the District Bank, members can come by direct election?"

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Notice, Sir."

## Industries

*Management of the Carnatic Paper Mill, Limited, Rajahmundry.*

*741 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Carnatic Paper Mill, Limited, at Rajahmundry stopped work;